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STACKED ELECTRICAL AND OPTICAL CONNECTOR INTERFACES
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 1, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on October 1, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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